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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

Quochien B. Vuong

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 04/15/2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 11-24 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 11-18 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 19-24 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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- ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

This action in response to Applicant's response filed on 04/15/2005. Claims 11-24 are now pending in the present application.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

2. Claims 11 and 12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Martensson (Us 5,151,946).

Regarding claim 11, Martensson (figures 1 and 2) discloses a portable telephone comprising: first body portion (2) comprising first and second grooves, a keypad (3), and a second body portion (7) comprising first and second runners, the first and second runners positioned in the first and second grooves respectively allow the second body portion to slide relative the first body portion between a closed position in which the keypad concealed and an open position in which the keypad is exposed, the first body comprising a first detent located in the first groove, the second body portion further comprising a first recess the first runner to hold the second body portion relative to first body portion when the first recess coincides the first detent (column 4, lines 39-59).

Regarding claim 12, Matersson discloses the first recess is positioned in the first runner to coincide with the first detent when the second body portion is in the closed position (column 4, lines 39-59).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

3. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

4. Claims 13-18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Martesson.

Regarding claims 13-14, Martensson discloses the portable telephone of claim 11 above. Matersson does not disclose the first recess is positioned in the first runner to coincide with the first detent when the second body portion is in the open position or a position intermediate the open and closed position. However, it would have been obvious for the first recess to coincide with the first detent when the second body portion is in the open position or a position intermediate the open and closed position for holding the second body in the open or intermediate position for ease of the user when using the telephone.

Regarding claims 15-18, Martensson discloses the portable telephone of claim 12 above. Matersson does not disclose wherein the second body portion further comprises a second recess and a third recess in the first runner to hold the second

body portion relative to the first body portion when the second recess coincides with the first detent in the open position and intermediate position. However, it would have been obvious for the second body portion further comprises a second recess and a third recess in the first runner to hold the second body portion relative to the first body portion when the second recess coincides with the first detent in the open position and intermediate position for ease of the user when using the telephone.

Allowable Subject Matter

5. Claims 19-24 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Regarding claim 19, Martensson disclose the portable telephone of claim 18 above. However, Martensson fails to further teach wherein the first body portion further comprises a second detent located in the second groove, and the second body portion further comprises a fourth recess in the second runner to hold the second body portion relative to the first body portion when the fourth recess coincides with the second detent.

Conclusion

6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Quochien B. Vuong whose telephone number is (571) 272-7902. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 9:30-18:00.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Edward Urban can be reached on (571) 272-7899. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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